

I would like to oppose the expansion of Low Power FM (LPFM). My understanding is that it would lead to the end or replacement of a radio station to which my family regularly listens: K-LOVE.

K-LOVE's Christian rock format is the only rock station of choice for my teen-ager and preteen. My wife and I appreciate the family-focused, Godly lyrics that are played, regular news segments and special features, the clean and humorous radio personalities, along with the advertisement-free format. This is in marked contrast to the usual fare on rock stations, which typically lack such high standards. As public school teachers, my wife and I are appalled at the suggestive and often crude lyrics we hear students singing at school - words they have heard on other radio stations. Music is such an influence on young people. We need every positive role model we can find.

To lose K-LOVE would result in a void in the style of music available for young people and their parents living in the Central Valley of California. There is no other Christian radio station that plays contemporary Christian rock music, which has a growing audience as evidenced by increased CD sales. Modesto has several large Christian churches (3,000 or more) in the area served by K-LOVE on 88.3, 99.5, and 91.1 on the FM dial.

Each summer, artists who are regularly heard on the station perform at local stadiums, churches, and concert halls. Because they have drawn such large crowds, these Christian artists are regularly featured as main attractions at local county fairs and even the California State Fair.

As is evident, the loss of K-LOVE, due to the expansion of LPFM, would negatively impact the Central Valley of California and the many areas across the nation who depend on its programming for the same reasons as does our family. To reduce the broadcast reach of this and other similar stations would be to remove an opportunity for choice and free speech for many citizens.